



“The Dutch Diary of Caribbean Artists” for 2007 was launched during a gala evening at the Numismatic Museum

A part of the European lifestyle and that of Aruba also is the daily use of an agenda for keeping track of appointments and information. It is often given as a gift for the holidays, quite commonly by businesses to their clients, or exceptionally beautiful, artistic agendas as personal gifts.

Since 1999, an agenda called the “Dutch Diary of Caribbean Artists” has been on the market; originally featuring the work of artists of Curacao, but has expanded to include Aruba and the other Dutch Caribbean islands. This year, twenty-five artists of Aruba are featured amongst the seventy-seven pages of paintings, poetry, and photography that grace this beautiful book. Leaders of the local art community were proud to welcome Ms. Desiree Casimiri, of Curacao, the editor and publisher, for the official launching this past Friday, December 8.

The courtyard of the Numismatic Museum in Oranjestad was the venue, and Maria Theresa-Martinez, the Director of MANA, the Movimiento Artístico Nobo di Aruba, acted as hostess to Ms. Casimiri during her stay. Master and Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening were Stanley Dabian of the Instituto di Cultura and Desiree Croes, curator of the Numismatic Museum and Director of Foundation JMO.

The evening featured poetry by two of the Aruban artists featured in the diary, young Rosabelle Illis and Muyne Oduber-Winklaar, reciting “Grita,” her poem in the book, plus a recital from the members of the Young Poets Society. The delightful presentation was accompanied by the music of clarinetist Eduardo Prove, and many of the participating artists attended the opening of an exposition featuring their works that grace the pages of the diary.

Addressing the gathering was Mavis Krozendijk-Eckmeyer, the director of Foundation Mi Cutisa, which coordinated with Ms. Casimiri the participation of the Aruban artists for the “Dutch Diary of Caribbean Artists.” After the opening ceremony, those attending were free to purchase the book, and follow Maria Theresa-Martinez as she conducted a tour of the exposition, and introduced a number of the artists to Ms. Casimiri.

The artists of Aruba participating in the “Dutch Diary of Caribbean Artists” include Louis Alonso Castano Benjumea, Melvin Anderson, Timoty Charles, Laureen Emen, Ronald Heilbron, Rosabell Illes, Rosalie Klein, Eliza Lejuez-Peters, Alida Martinez, Maria Teresa-Martinez, Mo Mohamad, Osaira Muyale, Gustave Nouel, Ryan Oduber, Muyne Oduber –Winklaar, Vanessa Paulina, Nadine Salas, Maria la Torre, Elvis Tromp, Edmond Tujeehut, Adolfo Valbuena Oduber, Belinda de Veer, Ruthy Vrieswijk, Mercello Werleman and Alfonso de Windt. The diary is for sale at the Numismatic Museum behind the bus station in town, and also at the headquarters of Mi Cutisa at Boegoroi #89. The exposition of the works in the diary can be viewed at the museum daily, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Exposicion “Dutch Caribbean Art 2007”

E aña aki ta e di 5 biaha cu Fundacion di Artista na Corsou ta produci e conocido “kunstagenda”, mihor indica como the Dutch Caribbean Art Diary. Esaki ta un agenda cu portret di obranan di arte di artistanan procedente for di e islanan Hulandes den Caribe. E aña aki tin 77 artista ta participa procedente for di Aruba, Boneiro, Corsou y St. Maarten. For di Aruba tin 25 artista cu ta participa, cada uno cu un obra. E proyecto aki ta ser realisa pa di 5 biaha y e aña aki ta e di dos biaha cu Fundacion Mi Cutisa a coordina participacion di e artistanan procedente for di Aruba.

E aña aki Fundacion Mi Cutisa a aserca Fundacion Juan Mario Odor hunto cu Fundacion MANA pa organisa un exposicion di e obranan di arte di e artistanan procedente di Aruba, na momento cu publica e agenda na Aruba.

E exposicion ta tuma luga diabierna awor dia 8 di december 2006 na Museo Numismatico na Weststraat, pa 8.00 or di anochi. Pa e ocasion aki lo ta presente e representante di Fundashon di Artista, sra. Daisy Casimiri, kende ta bini for di Corsou pa e haci e apertura oficial di e exposicion. E exposicion lo keda habri te cu 8 di januari 2007.

Durante di e apertura di e exposicion lo presenta tambe un video produci pa Ryan Oduber titula “Gym”. E obranan cu e artistanan di Aruba ta participa cune ta masha varia. Banda di pintura tin sculptura, instalacion, video y poema. E poetanan Ruthy Vrieswijk-Bergen, Munye Oduber y Rosabelle Illes lo declama algun di nan poemanan.

Mas cu claro cu lo tin oportunidad di compra e agenda tambe e anochi aki. E prijs di e agenda a keda mescos, esta Fl. 45,-- pa un agenda. Tur hende cu ta interesa den compra un agenda sjiek pa aña 2007, sea pa nan mes of pa haci un hende un regalo di fin di aña, por pasa compra nan agenda na Museo Numismatico of por tuma contacto cu Fundacion Mi Cutisa via tel. 563.0155 of 741.0434, of via e-mail minutisa@yahoo.com pa haci nan bestelling. E artistanan for di Aruba cu ta participa e aña aki den e agenda ta:

Number di artista

Titulo di obra

Louis Alonso Castaño Benjumea	Alumíname
Melvin Anderson	Ice cube – hand-blown vase
Timothy Charles	Moedervlek – acrylic on canvas, 45x65 cm
Laureen Eman	Soul sisters – acrylic on canvas, 51x76 cm
Ronald Heilbron	Untitled – oil on canvas, 50x70cm
Rosabelle Illes	Allowed Blindness – Poem
Rosalie Klein	Two Flamingo’s – photography
Elisa Lejuez Peters	Azteken 2012 – acrylic/silk print on canvas
Alida Martinez	How far you can reach
Maria Teresa Martinez	Eve Oval – oil on canvas, 50.5x40.5 cm
Mo Mohamed	Depth – ink & bronze powder on canvas, 32x73 cm
Osaira Muyale	Surrounded by circles – installation
Gustave Nouel	Mona Jeuline in yellow-acrylic on canvas, 45x61 cm
Ryan Oduber	Gym – video art

Muyne Oduber Winklaar
Vanessa Paulina
Nadine Salas
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Grito – poem

X-mas – photography
The clamor of the earth-acylic on canvas, 40x50 cm
Seguridad y Speranza – acrylic on canvas, 85x70 cm
Aruba now, Aruba then – acrylic canvas, 45x150 cm
De flor 1 – mixed media digital
series 'Teatro' – oil on canvas, 100x75cm
Carnival face – acrylic on canvas, 50x60cm
Figure – acrylic on canvas, 40 x 50 cm
Lake of fire – oil on canvas,